

Milwaukee County

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COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES 794 LAKE PARKWAY EXTENSION

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik is proud to announce that the Lake Parkway Extension Study Advisory Committee has unanimously approved the <u>proposed</u> extension of Lake Parkway (State Trunk Highway 794) to Highway 100 in Oak Creek. The Advisory Committee met Monday afternoon at South Milwaukee City Hall to finalize its recommendations.

"I thank my colleagues on the Committee for embracing this concept. My vision for the Lake Parkway goes even further, hopefully connecting the Hoan Bridge to the Illinois state line," said Supervisor Jursik, who chairs the Advisory Committee. "Lake Michigan is the geographic definer of this corridor, which stretches from Gary, Indiana, to Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, spanning three states and 16 urbanized counties. As this corridor develops, transportation infrastructure must keep pace."

The public took advantage of several opportunities to provide input and feedback to policymakers on the proposed extension. More than 200 residents attended a February 29, 2012, public hearing. Citizens also submitted written comments during a 30-day public comment period. Approximately 70% of respondents expressed support for extending the Lake Parkway.

"My office will begin preparing a resolution for the County to adopt an amendment to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan developed by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission," explained Supervisor Jursik. "This amendment is a necessary step to get WisDOT to begin engineering for Lake Parkway extension."

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